

Local Governments _ for Sustainability



A Worldwide Movement of Local Governments

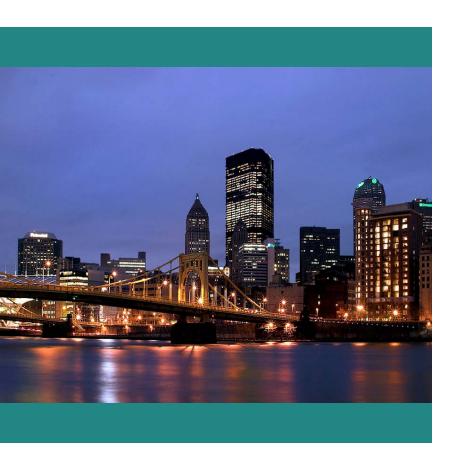


Mission

Our mission is to build, serve and drive a movement of local governments to advance deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and achieve tangible improvements in local sustainability.



Experience



15-year track record helping governments address climate change

- mitigation
- adaptation
- sustainability

A Two-Pronged Approach —Mitigation and Adaptation



Mitigation:

Focus on GHG reduction programs beginning with baseline inventories, goal setting, action plan development and implementation.

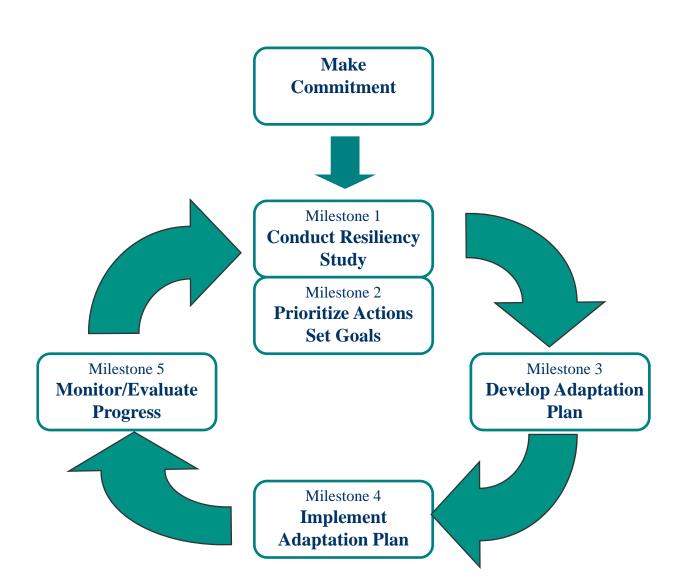
Adaptation:

Focus on building resiliency to climate change impacts through identifying vulnerable sectors, goal setting, and preparedness planning.

ICLEI's Adaptation Program Climate Resilient Communities (CRC)

- Recognition of need for climate adaptation as well as mitigation work
- Link local governments to available climate change science
- Identify opportunities for increasing resiliency
- Sustainable Approach
 - → Built Environment
 - → Natural Environment
 - → Social Environment
- Began Pilot of Climate Resilient Communities (CRC)
 - Keene, NH Homer, AK Miami-Dade County, FL Ft. Collins, CO
- Release of guidebook: Preparing For Climate Change

The 5 Milestone Adaptation Planning Process



Planning for Adaptation

Planning Area \Rightarrow Forecasted Change in Climate \Rightarrow Climate \Rightarrow Coal 1 \Rightarrow Action 1 Action 2 Action 3 Action 1 Goal 2 \Rightarrow Action 1 Action 3 Action 2 Action 2 Action 3







Milestone 1 Conduct Resiliency Study

- Established a committee
 - Identify who should be involved
 - → Mayor, City Manager, Emergency Management, Public Works Director, Planning Director, City Engineer, Local University Representatives, Regional Planning Council Representatives, Climate Scientist, Hospital Representatives, *industry specialist*, etc...
- Identify climate change impacts for your region
 - Assess regional impacts
 - Identify local impacts
- Begin discussion on vulnerable and resilient social, natural, and built environments
- Build support and provide education

Potential Community Vulnerabilities

- Flooding (hurricanes, extreme weather events)
- Building damage (extreme weather events, hurricanes, tornadoes)
- Power outages/damage (ice storms, extreme heat, extreme weather)
- Water pollution/contamination (intense storm events, rainfall events)
- Drought (extreme events, increased temperature)
- Public Health impacts (mortality, decreased access to cooling centers, spread of disease)
- Bridges, Roads, Public Transportation (increased extreme weather events, increases in temperature)



Milestone 2 Prioritize Actions & Set Goals

- Prioritization workshop with Committee members
 - Assess Climate Change Risks
 - Risks associated with different sectors
 - Identify goals and actions
 - What are the opportunities?
 - → What actions should be taken?



Milestone 3 Develop Adaptation Plan



- Framework (roadmap) for approaching adaptation
- Outlines preparedness
 Goals
- Actions to achieve Goals
- Timelines and associated costs with actions



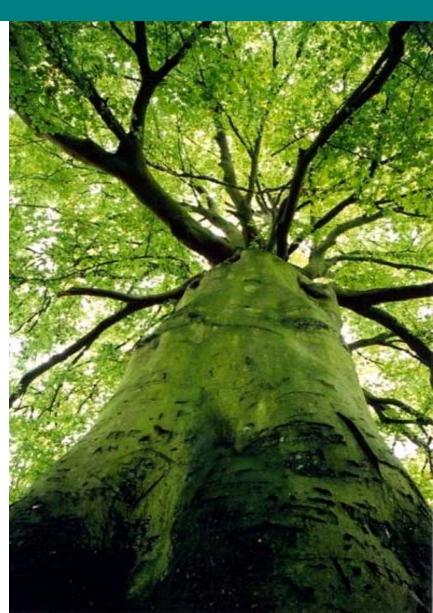
Milestone 4 Implement the Plan

UPDATE existing community plan

Evaluate opportunity for integrating results into comprehensive plans

IMPLEMENT identified actions

- Create and adopt policy
- Identify funding, staffing, other resource needs, etc.
- Create a timeline and stick to it





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